Dear Parents,

The P&C hosted our local member, Mr Woodforth, at the P&C meeting just prior to the holidays. It was great to have such a large audience for discussion around the plans for education by the Queensland government. Mr Woodforth gave an undertaking to consider the funding needs of our school and investigate concerns raised at the meeting. There was strong feeling expressed at the meeting that the state and federal government need to work hard to do a better funding deal for all students in state schools and in particular the most needy of our students along the lines of that developed in the GONSKI report. Gratitude for the new Year 7 facilities planned and paid for by the State Government was expressed to Mr Woodforth. The beginning stages of this work, including the relocation of our Special Education facility, have already commenced. The additional twenty-two classrooms will alleviate pressure on our current over-utilized buildings and provide a high quality learning facility for Wavell students.

Semester report cards should have been received in the mail by all parents as these were posted over the winter break. If you have yet to receive a report, please contact the school for assistance. The mail out included information about online bookings for the Parent Teacher Night which will occur next Tuesday, 16 July from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. You may contact Mrs Minter, on 33500301, if you have had any difficulties with making bookings – these close on Monday, 15 July at 9:00am. Closure of bookings allows teachers time to prepare for interviews. The semester results were again very pleasing – I am particularly impressed with how well our Year 9s have settled and performed in their first semester at high school. I enjoyed reading and signing so many great Year 8 report cards.

Students were engaged in academic monitoring today to review their individual performance and plan strategies to build on their success. I look forward to the celebration afternoon event that the top five per cent of students and families will be invited to attend on Monday, 29 July at 2:00pm. There are a range of special events scheduled for this term including; School, District and Regional Athletics; the annual Ski Trip; our Year 12 Formal; the Queensland Core Skills Test; a number of University Open Days; Year 10 SET Plan Interviews; Years 8 & 10 Subject Selection Evening; Literacy Olympics; school photographs; several drama, dance and music performances; district and regional winter sports finals and Rugby League finals.

The school will also undertake a Teaching and Learning Audit on Monday, 5 and Tuesday, 6 August. This is an opportunity to have external eyes placed over our operations to identify our strengths and areas for improvement. I look forward to sharing this report with the community later in the term. These events are in addition to the main focus for all Wavell students: the unrelenting quest for continuous academic improvement. It is important for all that Wavell continues to be a vibrant and exciting place of learning. JJ Major, Principal

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During the winter school holidays three senior students and Mrs Monteath participated in the QMEA Xstrata Engineering Camp. While on camp the students worked in groups on projects for Xstrata. These were based on mining, environmental and general engineering. Pictured below: Elaine Elevera, Ms Monteath, Lysani Pallay and Niki Cheng.

"Improving educational outcomes is critical to overcoming many aspects of disadvantage." Jack Manning, Bancaft AIME CEO

Parent - Teacher Evening

Tuesday, 16 July 2013, 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Booking details were mailed with reports. Parents log on to “Parent Teacher Online” via the school website.

Bookings close: 9:00am Monday, 15 July.

Families without internet access may like to utilise the free service provided by BCC libraries.

For further assistance: Mrs Maree Minter 3350 0301.

We look forward to meeting with you!

Subject Selection Advice Evening

Wednesday 7 August 6:45pm for Year 8 into Year 9 7:30pm for Year 10 into Year 11 in the Assembly Hall

These are important opportunities for parents and students to obtain information and advice on subject selections for 2014.

Subject Selection is to be completed on-line by Friday, 23 August 2013.

Year 10 Career Planning

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Pictured above: Fletcher Dodds on placement at Maleny Dairies

P & C Meeting - Tuesday 16 July 2013, at 7:30pm in the Admin Building All Welcome
Veronicas Visit

Former Wavell students, the Veronicas, made a special visit to Wavell at the end of last term to promote the Creative Young Stars Program. The pair signed autographs for and answered questions from eager students. Pictured below: Lisa Origliasso, Federal Member for Lilley, Wayne Swan, Jessica Origliasso and Principal, Jeff Major.

Brainstorm Productions

On Monday, 8 July Year 8 students attended a Brainstorm Production “The Hurting Game”. This presentation addressed common concerns for young teenagers including personal, threats, rumours, insults and dealt with issues surrounding text messaging and social websites. These topics will be further explored by form classes throughout the term.

Year 8 Camp

In the last week of Term Two, over 250 of our Year 8 students, along with prefects and teachers, enjoyed three days at Noosa. Students participated in a variety of activities which included kayaking, mountain biking, high ropes courses, various team building activities and lanterns at night. The weather held off for the majority of the camp despite some chilly mornings. Students who attended are commended on their attitude and behaviour. The camp was deemed a success by all! Thanks to our prefects for their leadership and to the teachers and Chaplain Sorrah, for support. A special thank you to our Coordinator, Mrs Hickman, for her detailed organisation. Wavell will return to Noosa!

PNG Rugby League Visit

Thursday, 20 June saw Wavell State High School’s 16 year old Rugby League Excellence class take on the Papua New Guinea Rugby League National Schoolboy development squad. Wavell were the eventual winners, 22 points to 14. Joshua Fauid was voted by the PNG team as Wavell’s best player and the Wavell students presented the PNG team with souvenir jerseys.

Netball Melbourne Trip

On Monday, 17 June a group of fourteen netballers travelled to Melbourne for our Biennial Netball Tour. Games were organised for every day culminating with a round robin on the final day. We were initially outclassed by two Melbourne schools but had success against the other opposition, winning three out of the final four games. We toured the MCG, National Sports Museum and enjoyed a personal tour of the AAMI stadium given by former Wavell teacher, Mr Brentnall, currently the Melbourne Storm U20 Assistant Coach. A great time was had by all on a successful tour.

Sporting Success

Zoe Lockton played squash in the Queensland Junior Open in Mackay during the school holidays and competed in the individual event and the U13 Brisbane Team. Congratulations.

Inter-house Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Track and Field Carnival will be held next week. Pre-carnival events to be conducted on Wednesday, 17 July in lessons 1 & 2 include: 1500m, Javelin, Triple Jump and 13 & 14 years High Jump. Students participating in these events must have nominated by lunchtime Tuesday, 16 July. Competitors will then go to their usual classes for lessons 3 & 4. On Wednesday, 17 July, normal classes run for all other students that have not nominated for this pre-carnival competition.

On Thursday, 19 July the Annual Athletics Carnival for 2013 will be held. All students are expected to attend this compulsory whole school event. Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform for the day and may change into their house colours at school (hair spray is not appropriate). Last year’s event was very successful with a majority of students participating in events while others enjoyed dressing up to support their house. This year’s carnival looks to be bigger and brighter given the competitiveness and depth of talent of Wavell’s students, particularly with the new Year 8 cohort. Can back-to-back champions Keren hold off the challenges from Alaime, Burma and Tobraku houses this year? Who will be the Age Champions for 2013? Will someone stop the current Wavell Gift Champion, Jyden Nikorima, from winning three titles in a row?

Events commence at 9:30am with a variety of track and field events scheduled for the day. The school has a great carnival atmosphere on the day with a variety of red foods available for purchase. The House trophy, age champions and Wavell Gift medalion will be presented at the conclusion of the carnival. We look forward to an exciting day of athletics!

Diary Dates

- Monday 15 July • SRC Meeting in G2 1:10pm • Year 10 Careers Day in Hall
- Tuesday 16 July • Year 11 BOM & Years 11&12 Engineering Tech Excursion to Dreamworld • Parent teacher interviews 3:30-7:30pm • P&C Meeting 7:30pm in Administration
- Wednesday 17 July • Years 11 & 12 Drama Rehearsal in Hall 3:00-5:30pm
- Thursday 18 July • Inter-house Track and Field Carnival for 2013 • Inter-house Track and Field Athletics Carnival Pre-carnival Events
- Friday 19 July • Year 8 Inter-Form Debating Round 2 at lunchtime • Years 9 & 11 last day of subject changes • Year 11 Cert III Children’s Services On the Job Placement - Day 5 • Years 11 & 12 Economics excursion to QUT – Meet at 8:30am at venue • Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) RNA Showgrounds 9am-4pm
- Saturday 20 July • Years 11 & 12 Drama Rehearsal in Hall 100am-4pm • Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) RNA Showgrounds 9am-4pm
- Monday 22 July • Wavell PACE Community Meeting – Wavell Heights SS • School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Tuesday 23 July • Year 10 Careers Day
- Wednesday 24 July • QTAC Information Session for Senior Students & Parents: Breakfast 7:00am in Library OR Evening 6:00pm in Library • Years 11 & 12 Drama Rehearsal in Hall 3:00-5:30pm • QDU Debating Finals Round 1
- Thursday 25 July • Years 11 & 12 Netball INFQ Competition • Year 11 Cert III Children’s Services On the Job Placement - Day 6 • Year 11 Talk ‘Why the QCS Matters’ in Hall – Lesson 2B • Years 11 & 12 Netball INFQ Competition • Chaplaincy Committee Meeting – 2:15pm